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### **Tropical Storm Watch in Effect for Guam; Flood Prone Areas Advised to Take Action Now**

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office continues to monitor Tropical Depression 20W. As of 7 a.m., the system was located near 12.1 degrees north latitude and 147.0 degrees east longitude, about 175 miles east-southeast of Guam and 225 miles south-southeast of Saipan. It is moving west-northwest at 14 mph with maximum sustained winds of 35 mph.

A **tropical storm watch** is now in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan. A tropical storm watch means tropical storm conditions, including sustained winds of 39 to 74 mph, are possible through Friday morning.

20W is forecast to intensify through Saturday, possibly becoming a tropical storm by tonight. There remains uncertainty on its intensity and trajectory.

Excessive rainfall will cause localized flooding in low-lying and poor drainage areas, and rapidly rising streams and rivers. Check storm drains in your area to make sure they are not clogged. Make plans to protect property if you live near streams and rivers or in areas that habitually flood during heavy rain. Take the following preparedness actions now:

- **Those living in areas prone to flooding should be prepared to take action; clear drainage areas and unblock clogged storm drains in your area to minimize the chance of flooding.**
- Stay up to date with the latest information. The system track or intensity may change and advisories may be issued.
- Locate or prepare your emergency preparedness kits for your household; stock up on non-perishable food items and water for your household, flashlights, first-aid kits, batteries, matches or lighters, portable stove, toiletries, etc. Visit <https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit> for more information on what to include in your supplies list.
- Secure important documents such as birth certificates, tax papers, and insurance documents and keep copies in a water-proof bag.
- Clear loose debris around your yard and store any items that may become airborne with heavy winds, before inclement weather arrives.
- Gas your vehicles and get fuel for your generators now while the weather is clear.
- Be prepared to take action if flood advisories are issued. Do not camp, park, or hike along streams, rivers, and creeks, especially during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>

- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

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